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### Idaho Cattle Numbers Up 1 Percent From 2009

Idaho cattle and calf inventory totaled 2.14 million head as of January 1, 2010, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service. This was up 1 percent from the 2.11 million head in the State on January 1, 2009. There were 440,000 beef cows, down 2 percent, and 550,000 milk cows, down 1 percent, on hand at the beginning of the year. The number of beef replacement heifers, at 90,000, was unchanged and heifers for milk cow replacement, at 295,000, up 7 percent. Statewide, there were 255,000 steers over 500 pounds, 35,000 bulls over 500 pounds and 280,000 calves under 500 pounds on January 1, 2010. The 2009 calf crop totaled 930,000 head, down 3 percent from the calf crop of 2008.

All cattle and calves in the United States as of January 1, 2010, totaled 93.7 million head, 1 percent below the 94.5 million on January 1, 2009. All cows and heifers that have calved, at 40.5 million, were down 1 percent from the 41.0 million on January 1, 2009. Beef cows, at 31.4 million head, were down 1 percent from January 1, 2009. Milk cows, at 9.1 million head, were down 3 percent from January 1, 2009. All heifers 500 pounds and over totaled 19.7 million head, up slightly from a year ago. Beef replacement heifers were down 2 percent at 5.4 million head. Milk replacement heifers at 4.5 million head, up 2 percent from last January. Other heifers were up 1 percent from last year at 9.7 million head. Steers weighing 500 pounds and over, at 16.4 million head were down 2 percent. Bulls weighing 500 pounds and over and calves under 500 pounds were up slightly at 2.2 million and 14.9 million head respectively. Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in all feedlots amount to 13.6 million head, down 2 percent. The combined total of calves under 500 pounds, and other heifers and steers over 500 pounds outside of feedlots was 27.5 million, down slightly. The 2009 calf crop was estimated at 35.8 million head, down 1 percent from 2008. Calves born during the first half of the year are estimated at 26.0 million, down 1 percent from 2008.

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